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RICHMOND HILL, Ga. - The No. 9-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State women's soccer squad recorded its third straight shutout with a 6-0 Peach Belt Conference victory over visiting USC Aiken on Wednesday evening at Henderson Park in Richmond Hill, Ga.

Heavy rains in the Savannah area forced the move to the turf-field Henderson Park, and a steady rain fell throughout the first half of the match. The Pirates (6-0-2, 4-0 PBC) struck first just four minutes into the match as a through ball from Erin O'Rourke found a sprinting Erin Holt one-on-one with USC Aiken (2-6, 0-3 PBC) goalkeeper Alli Edens. Holt slotted the ball past Edens for her first goal of the season.

The match remained a one-goal affair until the 35th minute when freshman **Jordan Otto** struck for her first goal of the match, off of a pass in the box from Holt, making the score 2-0. USC Aiken head coach Sue Vodicka was issued a red card following the goal for dissent and Pacer assistant coach Hank Deer had to direct the team for the rest of the match.

The Pirates broke open the match in the second half, scoring a pair of goals just under a minute apart. Otto collected her second goal of the match off of a nifty through ball from Andye Dawson in the 65th minute to make the score 3-0. Freshman Nadima Skeff then collected a rebound in the box and beat USC Aiken substitute keeper Melissa Westphal with a volley for her second goal of the season, putting the Pirates up, 40, in the 66th minute.

Sophomore Katie Jesser finished the scoring for the Pirates with a pair of late tallies. In the 76th minute, Jesser was fouled after a run into the right side of the box, and she converted the penalty kick for the goal. In the 80th minute, Jesser banged in a rebound of a shot by Nettie Perkins for the final 6-0 score.

"I thought we were extremely sharp tonight," AASU head coach Eric Faulconer said. "We talked about playing at a high tempo, and I think we carried that out. Erin Holt got us off to a great start and it was great to see freshman Jordan Otto score two fantastic goals. Overall it was a great team effort."

AASU outshot the Pacers, 26-4, and enjoyed a 4-1 edge in corner kicks. USC Aiken keepers Alli Edens and Melissa Westphal made three saves apiece in a half of play for each. Tracey Mitchell made two saves in 62 minutes of action for the Pirates.

The Pirates were whistled offsides 11 times in the match, compared to zero for the Pacers, and USC Aiken was cited for 18 fouls on the evening, compared to nine for the Pirates.

AASU returns to action on Saturday, October 2, with a 1:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference match against Montevallo at the AASU Soccer Field.



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